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In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant:

Angela Hui, et al.

Application No.:

10/045,354

For:

AN INNOVATIVE METHOD OF HARD MASK REMOVAL

Filing Date:

November 7, 2001

Examiner:

Khiem D Nguyen

Art Unit:

2823

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)		FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
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Order Order		Large Entity Small Entity					
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Account Name ESCHWEILER & ASSOCIATES, LLC		130	1053	130	cover sheet Non-English specification		
The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)		2.520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination		
Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments		920*	1804	•	Requesting publication of SIR prior to		
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FEE CALCULATION		110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month		
1. BASIC FILING FEE		420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month		
Large Entity Small Entity	1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month		
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1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee	1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee	1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal		
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee	1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee	1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing		
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee	1451	1,510	1451		Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE		1,330	2453		Petition to revive - unintentional		
Fee from		1,330	2501		Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
Extra Claims below Fee Paid Total Claims 25 -26** = - X 18.00 = -	1502 1503	480 640	2502 2503		Design issue fee Plant issue fee		
Independent 6 - 5** = 1 x 86.00 = 86.00	1460	130	1460		Petitions to the Commissioner		
Multiple Dependent =	1807	50	180		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)		
Large Entity Small Entity		180	180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt		
Fee Fee Fee Fee <u>Fee Description</u> Code (\$) Code (\$)	1806 8021	40	802		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)		
1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20 1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3	1809	770	280	9 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))		
1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	1810	770	281	385	For each additional invention to be		
1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	1801	770	2801	385	examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) Request for Continued Examination (RCE)		
1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	1802	900	1802		, ,		
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